

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of July 11, 2007, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 14-15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Pulverenti, et al.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pulverenti, et al. in view of the patent to Waterhouse, et al.

Claims 16, 17 and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pulverenti, et al. in view of the patent to Skalski.

Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pulverenti, et al. and Skalski and further in view of the patent to Persson.

Finally, it is note that the Examiner did not consider the Information Disclosure Statement because the fee was not paid. Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the first page of the Information Disclosure Statement which contains the sentence "The fee of \$180 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) should be charged to our deposit account no. 06-2143." Thus, applicant respectfully submits that the fee for the Information Disclosure Statement was paid. Applicant therefore requests that the references indicated in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner.

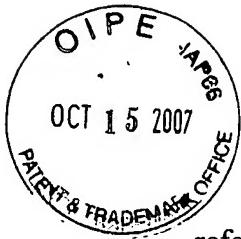
In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended independent claim 1 to clarify that the security circuit is separate from the communication network. It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, and particularly to the patent to Pulverenti, et al. it can be seen that this patent discloses a communication system having timer controlled field stations. Pulverenti, et al. do not disclose an electrical security circuit that is separate from the communication network, as in the presently claimed invention. In the present invention, the security circuit forms an electrically conductive closed loop in its security configuration, which is broken in its anomaly configuration. There is no teaching or suggestion of such a construction or configuration by the communication system of Pulverenti, et al.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 14, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

The patent to Waterhouse, et al. discloses a technique for locating electronic labels in an electronic price display system. The Examiner combined this reference with Pulverenti, et al. in determining that claim 18 would be unpatentable over such a combination. In Waterhouse, et al. a rail serves as a communication network between a central computer and a label. The rail interface causes the label to generate different signals. Waterhouse, et al. give no teaching of an electrical security circuit which is separate from the rail. Thus, since neither of the references teach an electrical security circuit separate from a communication network, a combination of Pulverenti, et al. and Waterhouse, et al. cannot teach and in fact does not teach a construction in which an electrical security circuit is separate from a communication network, as recited in the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is overcome and should be withdrawn.



The patents to Skalski and Persson have also been considered. Neither of these references add anything to the teachings of Pulverenti, et al. so as to suggest the invention recited in the claims presently on file and as discussed above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 16, 17 and 20-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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